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SUBJ: 29 TH SESSION ECAFE: COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM TWENTY:

PROGRAM OF WORK

1. DOCUMENTATION ON ITEM TWENTY WAS DISTRIBUTED IN LIMITED QUANTITY ONLY. PROGRAM OF WORK IS OF COURSE COMPOSITE OF PROGRAMS OF WORK ADOPTED BY ECAFE COMMITTEES AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AS INDICATED IN REPORTS OF THEIR MEETINGS. WORK PROGRAM WILL NOW GET FINAL REVIEW IN AN EFFORT, SELDOM SUCCESSFUL, TO BRING PROGRAM INTO LINE WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES. DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE PREFERRED TO REGARD WORK PROGRAM AS A CATALOG OF NEEDS RATHER THAN OF ATTAINABLE GOALS.

2. TWO SPECIAL SITUATIONS NEED TO BE CONSIDERED THIS YEAR. THE TRADE COMMITTEE ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE FOR CONSIDERATION OF TWENTY- NINTH SESSION A REDRAFT OF PROJECTS RELATING TO SHIPPING SO AS TO DELINEATE MORE CLEARLY THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE TRADE DIVISION
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AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION. SUCH A DOCUMENT WAS DRAFTED SOME TIME AGO, BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN DISTRIBUTED. OUR COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT WERE CONTAINED IN BANGKOK 4211 PARAS 4-6 AND BANGKOK 5002 PARA 7.

3. THE SECOND SPECIAL SITUATION IS THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT SEVERAL REGIONAL DELEGATIONS (E . G. INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES) MAY TABLE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ANOTHER PERMREPS WORKING GROUP TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE FORMAT AND PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK. THEY OBJECT TO THE VAGUE DESCRIPTIONS OF WORK CONTENT AND WORK ELEMENTS WHICH DO NOT CLEARLY DESCRIBE WHAT THE SECRETARIAT IS DOING AND WHY. ALTHOUGH IT MAY SEEM CURIOUS THAT INDOESIA WOULD AT THIS STAGE TRY TO CIRCUMSCRIBE THE POWER OF THE SECRETARIAT (AND OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY) TO CHART AN INDEPENDENT COURSE WITHIN SOME VAGUE GUIDELINES WE REGARD THEIR OBJECTIONS AS VALID. IN PARTICULAR, WE FIND IT NONSENSICAL THAT THE WORK CONTENT- MAJOR ELEMENTS (COLUMN " I" OF THE PRESENT FORMAT) SHOULD BE DESCRIBED IN PHRASES IDENTICAL WITH THE STATEMENT OF PROJECT AIMS AT THE TOP OF EACH PROJECT. INSTEAD, MUCH OF WHAT APPEARS IN COLUMN " III" (DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY) SHOULD GO UNDER THE QUOTE MAJOR ELEMENT UNQUOTE READING, AND COLUMN " III" SHOULD THEN STATE SPECIFICALLY WHAT STEPS ARE TO BE TAKEN OR PRECISELY WHICH STUDIES ARE TO BE MADE TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK.

4. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED USDEL PLANS EITHER TO SUPPORT A DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR A FURTHER REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAM FORMAT BY THE PERMREPS OR MAKE A RECOMMENDATION IN STATEMENT THIS ITEM ALONG THESE LINES.

5. ON THE QUESTION OF BIENNIAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION AND OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES, USDEL RECOMMENDS THAT WE SUPPORT THE COMMISSION' S PREVIOUS DECISION (TWENTY- SIXTH SESSION) TO CONTINUE TO MEET ANNUALLY. BELIEVE THIS HAS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT MANY DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY REGIONAL MEMBERS. A LONGER INTERVAL WOULD REDUCE ECAFE TO EVEN MORE IMPOTENT BODY AND WOULD NEGATE ALL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS OF ECAFE AS AN ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL COOPERATION. PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU CONCUR THIS RECOMMENDATION.

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